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WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 — A special Senate committee to study the foreign aid program in 1958 contracted for the services of a CIA-subsidized research institution when it thought it was getting the view of an independent, private organization, it was learned today.

The contract, one of 12 that totaled \$143,000, was with the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Center was receiving \$250,000 a year at the time from the CIA. This was about one third of its income.

CIA funds had been offered

to MIT and accepted in 1950 to help continue research originally financed through the Department of State. MIT severed its connection with the CIA in 1957, and spokesmen say that it had been a mistake to have accepted CIA money.